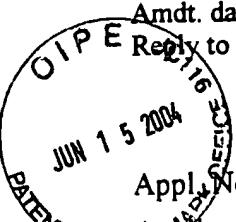


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an Extension of Time be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 to file a response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The required fee according to 37 CFR 1.17(a) -- Extension for response within first month (Small Entity)-\$55. Please charge this amount to deposit account no. 50-1693 in the name of CeramOptec Industries, Inc. A duplicate of this letter is included in this submission. Thank you.

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